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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
MRKS/0029

In re Application of : Bernd-Georg Pietras

Application Number: 09/762,699

Filed: May 10, 2001

Customer No.: 36735

For: Methods And Apparatus For Connecting Tubulars Using A Top Drive

Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Essama Omgba

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00  
☒ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 420.00  
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00  
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00  
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.00

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-0782/MRKS/A0029/WBP.

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☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 34,102
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